

In the Claims

Claims 1 to 58 (Cancelled)

Claim 59 (Currently Amended) A method for measuring the level of human endothelial lipase (LIPG) having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 6 in a tissue sample obtained from a human patient by conducting an immunoassay for said the LIPG.

Claims 60 to 62 (Cancelled)

Claim 63 to 102 (Cancelled)

Claim 103 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 59 wherein said tissue is blood.

Claims 104 and 105 (Cancelled)